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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE: PRESENTS SHAVE COME;

Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.

MILECTIF, THERE HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO THE

Secretary of Agriculture

AN APPLICATION REQUESTING A CERTIFICATE OF PROTECTION FOR AN ALLEGED DISTINCT VARIETY OF SEXUALLY REPRODUCED, OR TUBER PROPAGATED, PLANT, THE NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF WHICH ARE CONTAINED IN THE APPLICATION AND EXHIBITS, A COPY OF WHICH IS HEREUNTO ANNEXED AND MADE A PART HEREOF, AND THE VARIOUS REQUIREMENTS OF LAW IN SUCH CASES MADE AND PROVIDED HAVE BEEN COMPLIED WITH, AND THE TITLE THERETO IS, FROM THE RECORDS OF THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, IN THE APPLICANT(S) INDICATED IN THE SAID COPY, AND WHEREAS, UPON DUE EXAMINATION MADE, THE SAID APPLICANT(S) IS (ARE) ADJUDGED TO BE ENTITLED TO A CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, THIS CERTIFICATE OF PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION IS TO GRANT UNTO THE SAID APPLICANT(S) AND THE SUCCESSORS, HEIRS OR ASSIGNS OF THE SAID APPLICANT(S) FOR THE TERM OF TWENTY YEARS FROM THE DATE OF THIS GRANT, SUBJECT TO THE PAYMENT OF THE REQUIRED FEES AND PERIODIC REPLENISHMENT OF VIABLE BASIC SEED OF THE VARIETY IN A PUBLIC REPOSITORY AS PROVIDED BY LAW, THE GHT TO EXCLUDE OTHERS FROM SELLING THE VARIETY, OR OFFERING IT FOR SALE, OR REPRODUCING IT, OR DRITING IT, OR EXPORTING IT, OR CONDITIONING IT FOR PROPAGATION, OR STOCKING IT FOR ANY OF THE PURPOSES, OR USING IT IN PRODUCING A HYBRID OR DIFFERENT VARIETY THEREFROM, TO THE EXTENT OF BY THE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS AMENDED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

SOYBEAN

'9007'

In Jestimonn Murror, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Mont Invited Artists Paties to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twenty-ninth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five.

Attest:

Marsha a. Stanfor

Commissioner Plant Variety Protection Office Annicultural Marketina Service Strotary of Agriculture

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FORM APPROVED: OMB 0581-0055, Expires 1/31/91

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICU AGRICULTURAL MARKETING S	A	pplication is required in order to		
APPLICATION FOR PLANT VARIETY P	d: cr In	determine if a plant variety protection certificate is to be issued (7 U.S.C. 2421). Information is held confidential until certificate is issued (7 U.S.C. 2426).		
NAME OF APPLICANT(S) (as it is to appear on the Certificate)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2. TEMPORARY DESIGNAT	ION OR 3.	VARIETY NAME
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, I	nc.	EXPERIMENTAL NO.		9007
4. ADDRESS (street and no. or R.F.D. no., city, state, and ZIP)		5. PHONE (Include area co	de)	FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
700 Capital Square			PV	PO NUMBER
400 Locust		(515) 270-35	82	0700244
Des Moines, IA 50309		(313) 270 33	`` _	9300244
,				F Date
6. GENUS AND SPECIES NAME 7. F.	AMILY NAME (Botania	(al)		L Sure 16, 1993
				N 9:50 ⊠A.M. □P.M.
8. CROP KIND NAME (Common Name)	Leguminos			F Filing and Examination Fee:
Soybean		DATE OF DETERMINATION		\$ 2325. <u>00</u>
	1	September, 1988		S Date
10. IF THE APPLICANT NAMED IS NOT A "PERSON," GIVE FORM OF ORGANIZATI	ON (Corporation, part	nership, association, etc.)		F Chine 7, 1993
Corporation			1 (C Certificate Fee:
11. IF INCORPORATED, GIVE STATE OF INCORPORATION	12. DA	TE OF INCORPORATION		
Iowa	.	1926		Sept. 5 1995
13. NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE(S), IF ANY, TO SERVE	E IN THIS APPLICATION	ON AND RECEIVE ALL PAPER		7
John Grace	Mike	Roth (copy)		
7301 NW 62nd Ave., P.O. Box 85				O Locust Street
Johnston, IA 50131-0085	Des	Moines, IA	50309	
14. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX FOR EACH ATTACHMENT SUBMITTED (Follow INS	TOUGTIONS	PHONE (Include	e area code):	
a. X Exhibit A, Origin and Breeding History of the Variety.	THOU HOUS DAT TOYOL	se/		
b. X Exhibit B, Novelty Statement.	-			
c. X Exhibit C, Objective Description of Variety.		· ·		
d. X Exhibit D, Additional Description of Variety.				
e. X Exhibit E, Statement of the Basis of Applicant's Ownership.			6/11/9	13
1. X Seed Sample (2,500 viable untreated seeds). Date Seed Samp				 -
g. X Filing and Examination Fee (\$2,150) made payable to "Treasu 15. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT SEED OF THIS VARIETY BE SOLD BY			SEEDS (See se	ation 83/a) of the Bland Variab
Protection Act.) YES (If "YES." answer items 16 and 17 below)		O," skip to item 18 below)	3000: (366 36	Chor osas or the riant variety
16. DOES THE APPLICANT(S) SPECIFY THAT THIS VARIETY BE LIMITED AS TO NUMBER OF GENERATIONS?			OF PRODUCTIO	N BEYOND BREEDER SEED?
YES NO		INDATION	REGISTERE	D CERTIFIED
	! —	E .] REGISTERE	CEKTIFIED
18. DID THE APPLICANT(S) PREVIOUSLY FILE FOR PROTECTION OF THE VARIETY	IN THE U.S.?			•
YES (II "YES," through Plant Variety Protection Act	Patent Act. Give da	le:)		
X NO				
19. HAS THE VARIETY BEEN RELEASED, USED, OFFERED FOR SALE, OR MARKET	TED IN THE U.S. OR (OTHER COUNTRIES?		
YES (If "YES," give names of countries and dates)				
X NO		•		
20. The applicant(s) declare(s) that a viable sample of basic seeds of request in accordance with such regulations as may be applicable	f this variety will e.	be furnished with the a	pplication a	nd will be replenished upon
The undersigned applicant(s) is (are) the owner(s) of this sexus	ally reproduced	novel plant variety, and	believe(s)	that the variety is distinct,
uniform, and stable as required in section 41, and is entitled to p Applicant(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein ca				nt Variety Protection Act.
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT [Orgner(s)]	CAPACITY OR			DATE
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N. John France III	Joybea	n kesearch M	anager	6/1/93
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT [Owner(s)]	CAPACITY OR	TITLE		DATE
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Exhibit A

1993

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY

Breeding History of 9007 Soybean

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1985	(Summer)	A cross was made between 9061 and Maple Ridge at Pioneer's Cedar Falls, IA station. The stock number "3982" was assigned to identify the population created by this cross.
1985–86	(Winter)	F1 plants from cross 3982 were grown in Kekaha, Hawaii.
1986	(Summer)	An F2 population derived from cross 3982 was grown at Cedar Falls, IA.
1986–87	(Winter)	F3 and F4 populations derived from cross 3982 were grown using modified single seed descent in Kekaha, Hawaii.
1987	(Summer)	Individual plant selections were pulled from the F5 population grown at Redwood Falls, MN.
1988		F5-derived F6 progeny rows were grown in Redwood Falls, MN. Progeny row no. 4881 was selected and designated "3982R009".
1989	-	3982R009 was tested in the preliminary yield trial "RFD00100" in Minnesota. Based upon superior yield performance, the line was advanced to wide area elite trials in 1990. Purification was initiated by harvesting individual plants pulled from a bulk of the line grown in Kekaha, Hawaii.
1990		First year in wide area tests across the northern U.S. and Ontario, Canada (line designated "W3982R009"; tests - RFA0E000, NPA0E000). Purification rows derived from single plants harvested in Hawaii were grown and offtype sublines discarded.
1991		Second year in wide area tests (designated "Y3982R009", tests: RFA0E000, and NPA0E000). A 1.3 acre purification block was grown from sublines harvested in 1990. Seventy-eight sublines were bulk harvested to form the original breeder seed lot.
1992		Third year in wide area testing (designated "XB007A", tests: RFA0E000, and NPA0E000). Pioneer's Parent Seed Department assumed responsibility for line maintenance.

Based on superior yield performance in the North Central U.S., the line was released as Pioneer Brand 9007.

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Exhibit A

ORIGIN AND BREEDING HISTORY OF 9007 (continued)

Thus, 9007 has undergone four years of extensive testing and purification and observed by the breeder to be uniform and stable for all plant traits from generation to generation with no evidence of variants.

One and four tenths acres of 9007 (breeder's seed) were grown in 1991. Nineteen acres of 9007 (foundation seed equivalent) were grown in 1992.

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EXHIBIT B: NOVELTY STATEMENT CONCERNING 9007 SOYBEAN

To our knowledge, variety 9007 is most similar to Maple Ridge and McCall. It differs from both Maple Ridge and McCall in that it is resistant to Phytophthora race 2, while Maple Ridge and McCall are susceptible.

9007 also differs from all other varieties of similar maturity that we have examined in that a large percentage of 9007's seed possesses clearly visible funiculus tissue attached to the hilum or a chalky white streak down the center of its yellow hilum due to delayed or incomplete abscission of the seed from the pod. This characteristic is inherited from its parent Maple Ridge and grandparent Fiskeby III and to our knowledge is not possessed by other varieties of similar maturity.

Other varieties of similar maturity which are clearly distinct:

Variety	Difference
9061	9007 matures an average of 9 days earlier than 9061
A0358	9007 has purple flowers, A0358 has white flowers
Ada	9007 has purple flowers, Ada has white flowers
Apache	9007 has brown pods, Apache has black pods
Baron	9007 has a yellow hilum, Baron has a buff hilum
Bicentennial	9007 has gray pubescence, Bicentennial has tawny pubescence
Clay	9007 is resistant to Phytophthora race 2, Clay is susceptible
Chico	9007 has purple flowers, Chico has white flowers
KG20	9007 has gray pubescence, KG20 has tawny pubescence
KG30	9007 has gray pubescence, KG20 has tawny pubescence
Maple Amber	9007 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 3, Maple Amber is not
Maple Arrow	9007 is susceptible to Phytophthora race 3, Maple Arrow is not
Maple Glen	9007 has gray pubescence, Maple Glen has tawny pubescence
Maple Isle	9007 has gray pubescence, Maple Isle has tawny pubescence
Maple Presto	9007 has gray pubescence, Maple Presto has tawny pubescence
Morsoy	9007 has a yellow hilum, Morsoy has an imperfect black hilum
OAC Scorpio	9007 has gray pubescence, Scorpio has tawny pubescence
Portage	9007 is resistant to Phytophthora race 2, Portage is not

(Soybean)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE LIVESTOCK, MEAT, GRAIN & SEED DIVISION PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY SOYREAN (Glycine max 1.)

301BEA	(10 Grycine max L.)
NAME OF APPLICANT(S)	TEMPORARY DESIGNATION VARIETY NAME
Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc.	9007
ADDRESS (Street and No., or R.F.D. No., City, State, and Zip Code	
700 Capital Square 400 Locust	PVPO NUMBER
Des Moines, IA 50309	9300244
Choose the appropriate response which characterizes the vari	iety in the features described below. When the number of significant digits
in your answer is fewer than the number of boxes provided,	place a zero in the first box when number is 9 or less (e.g., 0 9).
Starred characters * are considered fundamental to an adeque when information is available.	ate soybean variety description. Other characters should be described
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1. SEED SHAPE:	
2 L W	ĮΤ
1 = Spherical (L/W, L/T, and T/W ratios = < 1.2) 3 = Elongate (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W = < 1.2)	2 = Spherical Flattened (L/W ratio > 1.2; L/T ratio = < 1.2) 4 = Elongate Flattened (L/T ratio > 1.2; T/W > 1.2)
2. SEED COAT COLOR: (Mature Seed)	
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1 1 = Yellow 2 = Green 3 = Brown	4 = Black 5 = Other (Specify)
3. SEED COAT LUSTER: (Mature Hand Shelled Seed)	
1 = Dull ('Corsoy 79'; 'Braxton') 2 = Shiny ('Nebsoy	J. (0 471)
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4. SEED SIZE: (Mature Seed)	
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1 / Grams per 100 seeds	
5. HILUM COLOR: (Mature Seed)	
2 1 = Buff 2 = Yellow 3 = Brown 4	= Gray 5 = Imperfect Black 5 = Black 7 = Other (Specify)
6. COTYLEDON COLOR: (Mature Seed)	
1 1 = Yellow 2 = Green	
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7. SEED PROTEIN PEROXIDASE ACTIVITY:	
2 1 = Low 2 = High	
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9. HYPOCOTYL COLOR:	
1 = Green only ('Evans'; 'Davis') 2 = Green with	bronze band below cotyledons ('Woodworth'; 'Tracy')
3 = Light Purple below cotyledons ('Beeson'; 'Pickett 71')	
4 = Dark Purple extending to unifoliate leaves ('Hodgson'; 'C	Coker nampton 200A:)
10. LEAFLET SHAPE:	
3 1 = Lanceolate 2 = Oval 3 = Ovate	4 = Other (Specify)

11.	LEAFL	ET SIZE:		<u> </u>		-		
	2	1 = Small ('Amsoy 71'; 'A5312') 3 = Large ('Crawford'; 'Tracy')	2 = Medi	um (*Corsoy 7	79'; 'Gasoy 17')			
12.	LEAF (COLOR:	· ·					
	1	1 = Light Green ('Weber'; 'York') 3 = Dark Green ('Gnome'; 'Tracy')	2 = Medi	um Green ('C	orsoy 79'; 'Braxtor	·')		
13.	FLOW	R COLOR:					-	
	2	1 = White 2 = Purple	3 = White wi	ith purple thre	oat		_,	
14.	POD C	OLOR:					,	
	2	1 = Tan 2 = 8rown	3 = Black					
15.	PLANT	PUBESCENCE COLOR:						
	1	1 = Gray 2 = Brown (Tawny)						
16.	PLANT	TYPES:						
•	2	1 = Slender ('Essex'; 'Amsoy 71') 3 = Bushy ('Gnome'; 'Govan')	2 = inter	mediate ('Am	cor'; 'Braxton')		t ve	·
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*	1	Pod and Sten	n Blight <i>(Diaporthe</i>	phaseolorum var; sojae)		
	1	Purple Seed S	Stain <i>(Cercospora k.</i>	ikuchii)			
	1	Rhizoctonia I	Root Rot (Rhizocto	onia solani)		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
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	1	Bud Blight (T	obacco Ringspot V	'irus)			
	1	Yellow Mosai	ic (Bean Yellow Mo	saic Virus)			
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23. GIVE DATA FOR SUBMITTED AND SIMILAR STANDARD VARIETY: Paired Comparison Data

VARIETY	NO, OF DAYS	PLANT LODGING SCORE	CM PLANT HEIGHT	LEAFLET SIZE		SEED CON	ITENT	SEED SIZE G/100	NO. SEEDS/
	MATURITY			CM Width	CM Length	% Protein	% Oil	SEEDS	POD
9007 Submitted	113.7	1.5	68			41.3	21.1	15.9	
MCCALL Name of Similar Variety	113.5	1.8	68			41.3	20.8	15.0	·

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Exhibit D: In Exhibit C we have identified 9007 as susceptible to bacterial blight, brown spot, pod and stem blight, rhizoctonia root rot, bud blight, yellow mosaic, cowpea mosaic, pod mottle, seed mottle, and iron chlorosis. This does not mean that 9007 is any worse for these problems than other varieties of similar maturity. Rather, we do not consider 9007 to be immune to them. Therefore, we have chosen to be conservative and have identified the line as 'susceptible'.

Table 1. Isozyme information for 9007

ACO2	ACO3	ACO4	<u>ACP</u>	<u>DIA</u>	ENP	IDH1	IDH2	<u>MDH</u>	MPI	PHI
2.	· 1	3	Α	A	В	1	2	A	В	2

Exhibit E: Variety 9007 was developed by Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., for which it solicits a certificate of protection.